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SEPTEMBER 24, 1969

1. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of May 26 and 27, 1969. (3)

DR. ST. AMANT

2. Request of renewal of permit to remove sand and/or fill material from the Mississippi River between Miles 116 and 117, opposite Levee Stations 5986 and 6008 in the Ponchartrain Levee District, St. Charles Parish - as requested by the T. L. James & Company, Inc. (4)
3. Renewal of permit for Jahncke Service, Inc. to dredge for sand and/or fill materials in the Mississippi River. (5)
4. Request for cancellation of Executive Order No. 24 concerning shrimp trawling in Nine Mile Bayou. (5)

Mr. Yancey

5. Consideration of the United Gas Pipe Line Co. request for renewal of lease on two burning pit sites on Lake Bistineau. (10)
6. Finalization of easment on the Catahoula Lake diversion canal and water control structure. (14)

Mr. Herring

7. Acceptance of completion of Contract No. 6008 with J.B. Ewing and Son, Contractor, for the construction of that boat launching ramp, wharves, and parking area on Boggy Bayou, within the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, Avoyelles Parish, and the extension of time to the date of acceptance. (30)
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MR. ALLAN ENSMINGER, CHIEF, REFUGE DIVISION

MR. CHARLES R. SHAW, PITTMAN-ROBERTSON
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MR. RUDY DUVILLE, BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT

MR. MC FADDEN DUFFY, INFORMATION OFFICER

MR. WRIGHT: The meeting will come to order and before we start, I see in the crowd here we have Mr. and Mrs. Mahler from Terrebonne Parish. He is president of the Terrebonne Police Jury and I have also an announcement to make that Mr. Jones is....the reason he is not here....the chairman is not here today is that his mother was operated on in Houston yesterday and she is getting along fine.

MR. WRIGHT: Do I hear a motion that the minutes of the last meeting on May 26 and 27, 1969 be



approved ?

MR. KYLE: I move that the minutes of the last meeting on May 26 and 27, 1969 be approved.

MR. WRIGHT: Do I hear a second ?

MR. NORRIS: Second.

MR. WRIGHT: It has been moved and duly seconded that the minutes of the meeting on May 26 and 27, 1969 be approved.

MR. WRIGHT: Dr. St. Amant, will you come to the mike, please sir ?

DR. ST. AMANT: I have three items to bring to the Commission. The first is a request for the renewal of the permit to remove sand and/or fill material from the Mississippi River between Miles 116 and 117 opposite Levee Stations 5986 to 6008 in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

Attached hereto is a letter of application from the T. L. James and Company, Inc. for renewal of their permit dated September 22, 1964 and expiring September 22, 1969 to remove sand and/or fill material from the Mississippi River. This application meets all the requirements set forth by the Commission and I recommend



that the permit be renewed.

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the permit dated September 22, 1964 and expiring September 22, 1969, authorizing T. L. James & Company, Inc. to remove sand and/or fill materials from the beds, or water bottoms, of the Mississippi River between Miles 116 and 117, opposite Levee Stations 5986 to 6008 in the Pontchartrain Levee District, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, be renewed under the same terms and conditions as previously agreed upon in the permit dated September 22, 1964.

MR. KYLE: I move the adoption of the resolution.

MR. NORRIS: Second.

MR. WRIGHT: There is a motion to adopt the resolution, which has been duly seconded. Is there any discussion ? (NO RESPONSE)

If not, all those in favor please signify by saying aye, opposed, no.

(Whereupon, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.)



DR. ST. AMANT: The second item involves a renewal of a permit for Jahncke Service, Inc. to dredge for sand.....

MR. WINFREE: Excuse me a minute, Dr. St. Amant and Mr. Chairman. That was for an additional five years?

DR. ST. AMANT: That's right. These are standard five year permits.

(PAUSE)

MR. WRIGHT: Go ahead Doctor.

DR. ST. AMANT: This is a renewal of a permit for Jahncke Service, Inc. to dredge for sand and/or fill materials in the Mississippi River. Jahncke Service has held a permit for the dredging of sand and fill materials from the beds of the Mississippi River between Miles 87.5 and 88.5. This permit is expiring and they request that it be renewed for an additional five years.

An option in the permit grants a right for renewal provided the operation does not affect the interests of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

This permit has been operated without any effect on our interest and I therefore recommend that it be renewed for an additional five years.



BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the permit dated September 29, 1964, but effective as of August 26, 1964, authorizing Jahncke Service, Inc. to dredge for sand and/or fill materials from the beds, or water bottoms, of the Mississippi River at Mile 87.5 and 88.5 be renewed under the same terms and conditions of the previously agreed upon permit dated September 29, 1964.

MR. KYLE: I move the adoption of the resolution.

MR. NORRIS: Second.

MR. WRIGHT: There is a motion to adopt the resolution, which has been duly seconded. Is there any discussion ? (NO RESPONSE)

If not, all those in favor please signify by saying aye, opposed, no.

(Whereupon, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.)

DR. ST. AMANT: The last item is a request for a cancellation of Executive Order No. 24 concerning shrimp trawling in Nine Mile Bayou.

In 1956, by Executive Order of the Commission,



Nine Mile Bayou, a small area in the extreme Eastern edge of the Louisiana marshes, was closed to shrimp trawling, except for the use of 16 foot trawls or bait seines. This area was closed at that time upon the request of certain bait fishermen working in that area.

Attached hereto is an official letter of the St. Bernard Parish Police Jury requesting that this area be opened to all types of commercial fishing. After examination of the request, we can find no reason to continue to restrict this area and would suggest that the Executive Order No. 24 be rescinded and that the area be opened to shrimping for all boats and nets in the normal open season.

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT Executive Order No. 24

(Prohibiting the taking of shrimp by means of trawls, nets, or seines (except with trawls of 16 feet in length) for use as bait in the waters of Nine Mile Bayou, lying East of the Mississippi River in the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana, effective August 13, 1956) be canceled and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT this area be



opened to all types of commercial fishing in normal open season.

MR. WRIGHT: Do I hear a motion for this resolution ?

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, I believe that the mechanics of that would be two motions. The first motion to cancel the Executive order setting up this situation and then the second motion would be to adopt a resolution permitting Nine Mile Bayou to be open to shrimp trawling.

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT Executive Order No. 24 (Prohibiting the taking of shrimp by means of trawls, nets, or seines (except with trawls of 16 foot in length) for use as bait in the waters of Nine Mile Bayou, lying East of the Mississippi River in the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana, effective August 13, 1956) be canceled.

MR. WINFREE: I move that we adopt the resolution.

MR. WRIGHT: Do I hear a second?

MR. KYLE: Second.



MR. WRIGHT: There is a motion to adopt the resolution, which has been duly seconded. Is there any discussion? (NO RESPONSE)

If not, all those in favor please signify by saying aye, opposed, no.

(Whereupon, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.)

MR. WINFREE: I now move, Mr. Chairman:

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT Nine Mile Bayou, lying East of the Mississippi River in the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana, be opened to all types of commercial fishing in the normal open season.

I move the adoption of this resolution.

MR. WRIGHT: Do I hear a second to that motion?

MR. KYLE: Second.

MR. WRIGHT: There is a motion to adopt the resolution, which has been duly seconded. Is there any discussion? (NO RESPONSE)

If not, all those in favor please signify by saying aye, opposed, no.

(Whereupon, a vote was taken and the motion



was carried.)

MR. WRIGHT: Thank you Doctor.

Mr. Yancey

MR. YANCEY: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, United Gas Pipe Line Company is presently holding a lease on two burning pit sites up at Lake Bistineau. This lease will expire on October 15, 1969 and it was issued some five years ago by the Lake Bistineau Game and Fisheries Commission, which is no longer in existence and the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission now exercises authority over Lake Bistineau and over all the operations that are conducted in that area. The proposal here is that the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission extend and renew this lease for a period of five years on these two burning pit sites for a consideration of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, which was the consideration of the five year lease that is now expiring and we would recommend that the Commission grant the renewal of this lease on these two sites.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman.

MR. WRIGHT: Go ahead.

MR. WINFREE: Have any of our people looked



at those sites ?

MR. YANCEY: They have been examined by our District Supervisor....our Fisheries and Game Supervisor working out of Minden and they see no reason why we should not renew this lease. Both of these sites are back in the timber areas along the shoreline of Lake Bistineau and they saw no reason why we should not renew this lease.

(Pursuant to the request of the Director, the text of the resolution is here made part of the record.)

WHEREAS, an application has been received from United Gas Pipe Line Company, dated August 6, 1969, for the renewal of a surface lease agreement on two small burning pit sites at Lake Bistineau, and

WHEREAS, the original lease was issued by the Lake Bistineau State Game & Fish Commission on April 21, 1964 but will expire on October 15, 1969, and

WHEREAS, authority to manage Lake Bistineau



State Game & Fish Commission was transferred to this Commission by the 1969 Legislature by Act 152, and

WHEREAS, this application has been examined by staff personnel of the Fish & Game Division and found to be in order.

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant a lease renewal for a period of five (5) years, beginning October 15, 1969, to the United Gas Pipe Line Company for a consideration of FIFTY AND NO/100 (\$50.00) DOLLARS on the tracts described as follows:

A tract of land in Lot 7 of Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 10 West, being fifty feet square with the center of said tract being described as being 906 feet south and 1676 feet West of the Southwest corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and



A tract of land in Lot 8 of Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 10 West, being fifty feet square with the center of said tract being located 12 feet South and 258 feet West of the Southwest corner of Lot No. 1, Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT the Commission Director be authorized to sign any and all documents in connection with the issuance of this lease.

MR. WRIGHT: Gentlemen, you have heard the request to adopt this resolution. Do I hear a motion?

MR. NORRIS: I move the adoption of the resolution.

MR. KYLE: Second.

MR. WRIGHT: There is a motion to adopt the resolution, which has been duly seconded. Is there any discussion? (NO RESPONSE)

If not, all those in favor please signify by saying aye, opposed, no.



(Whereupon, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.)

MR. YANCEY: The U. S. Corps of Engineers is now constructing the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal which extends from Black River over to Catahoula Lake.

This Canal has been largely constructed from Black River over to Catahoula-LaSalle Parish land, and now they of course want to proceed on in a Westerly direction on over to Catahoula Lake and of course the Canal will cross a portion of the Commission owned Saline Wildlife Management Area.

Of course they need a right-of-way in order to excavate this Canal and the Louisiana Department of Public Works is charged with the responsibility of acquiring rights-of way for this project for the Corps of Engineers and we have a request from the Louisiana Department of Public Works asking that the Commission grant this right-of-way on some 1,309 acres, which would be in the form of a perpetual servitude with this tract extending from the Parish line over to Highway 28.

It is clearly set forth in this servitude that this would in no way infringe upon the Commission's own-



ership of this property or the right to manage fishing and hunting on the lands covered by the servitude and we would like to recommend at this time that the Commission approve of the Director signing this document which would grant a servitude to the Louisiana Department of Public Works on this particular tract and they in turn would then convey this right-of-way on to the Army Engineers for the purposes of constructing the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal.

(Pursuant to the request of the Director, the text of the resolution is here made part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the U. S. Corps of Engineers is in the process of constructing the Catahoula Lake Diversion Channel across the Commission owned Saline Wildlife Management Area in Catahoula and LaSalle Parishes, and
WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works is charged with the responsibility of acquiring rights-of-way for the Channel and has requested that the Wild Life & Fisheries



Commission grant a right-of-way for that portion of the Channel that will extend from the Catahoula-LaSalle Parish line to Louisiana Highway 28, designated as Tract No. 400 E-1, and more particularly described in Exhibit "A" as follows:

EXHIBIT "A"

TRACT NO. 400 E-1

A tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2; the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 5 North, Range 4 East; the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19; the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29; the NE $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30; the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32; the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE



$\frac{1}{4}$ and $N\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 4 East; the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 6 North, Range 3 East, all in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point located on the East Boundary of Section 12, Township 5 North, Range 4 East, from which point the Northeast corner of said Section 12 bears North, 273.48 feet; run thence with said East boundary South 1786.71 feet, run thence N $64^{\circ} 37' W$, 2774.76', N $62^{\circ} 35' W$, 2805.52, N $66^{\circ} 50' W$, 10,084.16', N $58^{\circ} 05' W$, 2727.65', N $31^{\circ} 55' E$, 125.00', N $58^{\circ} 05' W$, 112.00', S $31^{\circ} 55' W$, 125.00'; N $58^{\circ} 05' W$, 4347.01', N $31^{\circ} 55' E$, 240.00', N $58^{\circ} 05' W$, 799.68'; S $31^{\circ} 55' W$, 240.00', N $58^{\circ} 50' W$, 5833.17',



S $30^{\circ} 16' W$, 393.85', N $50^{\circ} 39' W$, 2108.89',
 N $59^{\circ} 33' W$, 1582.91', N $43^{\circ} 07' E$, 332.05',
 N $56^{\circ} 26' W$, 4705.90', S $33^{\circ} 34' W$,
 249.35', N $57^{\circ} 06' W$, 2236.23' to a
 point in Section 24, Township 6 North,
 Range 3 East, located on a contour
 line at an elevation of 36 feet M.S.L.,
 run thence with said contour line in a
 general Northeasterly direction for a
 distance of 2180 feet more or less,
 run thence S $57^{\circ} 06' E$, 415.50', N 32°
 $54' E$, 300.00', S $57^{\circ} 06' E$, 1745.68',
 S $33^{\circ} 34' W$, 501.43', S $56^{\circ} 26' E$, 1760.20',
 to a point located on the East Bound-
 ary of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19,
 Township 6 North, Range 4 East, run
 thence with said East boundary South
 for a distance of 258.04', run thence
 N $56^{\circ} 26' W$, 1902.87', N $33^{\circ} 34' E$, 65.00',
 N $57^{\circ} 06' W$, 1073.85', S $32^{\circ} 54' W$, 1300.00',
 S $57^{\circ} 06' E$, 1058.85', N $33^{\circ} 34' E$, 1035.00',
 S $72^{\circ} 02' E$, 297.30', S $56^{\circ} 26' E$, 1691.84'



to a point located on said East boundary of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, run thence with said East boundary South 181.56 feet to the South boundary of said Section 19, run thence with said South boundary East 273.61 feet, run thence S $56^{\circ} 26' E$, 2533.05', N $43^{\circ} 07' E$, 121.69', N $56^{\circ} 26' W$, 2372.41', to a point located on the North boundary of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 4 East, run thence with said North boundary East 388.85', run thence S $56^{\circ} 26' E$, 2138.98', S $43^{\circ} 07' W$, 351.09', S $59^{\circ} 03' E$, 4267.07', S $58^{\circ} 14' E$, 4431.11', S $56^{\circ} 01' E$, 1706.98', S $58^{\circ} 25' E$, 502.10', S $31^{\circ} 35' W$, 5.00', S $58^{\circ} 25' E$, 2840.87', S $29^{\circ} 01' W$, 5.00', S $60^{\circ} 59' E$, 1638.57', N $30^{\circ} 41' E$, 10.00', S $59^{\circ} 19' E$, 1604.89', S $67^{\circ} 04' E$, 7533.37', S $64^{\circ} 54' E$, 2586.17', N $24^{\circ} 01' E$, 5.00', S $65^{\circ} 59' E$, 4805.36', to the point of beginning containing 1309.76 acres, more or less, in various sections



as follows: Section 1, 111.00 acres, Section 2, 197.14 acres, Section 3, 139.50 acres, Section 12, 91.90 acres, Section 19, 28.05 acres, Section 29, 140.59 acres, Section 30, 178.95 acres, Section 32, 70.30 acres, Section 33, 191.60 acres, Section 34, 59.40 acres, Section 24, 99.12 acres, Section 25, 2.17 acres.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the Louisiana Wild Life & Fisheries Commission does hereby grant to the Louisiana Department of Public Works a perpetual servitude on Tract No. 400 E-1 for the purpose of constructing the Catahoula Lake Diversion Channel by the U. S. Corps of Engineers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT the Commission Director is authorized to sign any and all documents in connection with the granting of this servitude.



MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to request that you give Mr. Thompson about five minutes to expound on his relationship with the Corps of Engineers before we consider this matter.

MR. WRIGHT: He has five minutes.

MR. THOMPSON: I might tell you that it will take more time than for me to thoroughly and completely expound on my relationship with the Corps of Engineers, but I would like to ask by way of a question, Dick, how many acres of land did we originally give them the servitude of easement on ?

MR. YANCEY: We have granted a servitude on the commission owned lands on the Saline Game Management Area in Catahoula Parish. This involved, as I recall, some four to five hundred acres.

MR. THOMPSON: For the entire length of that canal ?

MR. YANCEY: No, this is in different segments along the

(Reporter's Note: The remarks of Mr.

Yancey and Mr. Thompson as here transcribed are fragmentary at best. Both



parties on occasion attempted to speak at the same time and/or interrupted each other.)

MR. THOMPSON: I want to know what the total acreage is that we had from one end of the canal to the other.

MR. YANCEY: Well....

MR. THOMPSON: From Black River to the other
....

MR. YANCEY: This is the major portion here, and this involves thirteen hundred and nine acres. Now the portion that we have already granted the servitude on is that portion that extends through Catahoula Parish. This tract here would be the portion that extends in that part of LaSalle Parish over to Highway 28.

I have a map that shows the relationship between.....

MR. THOMPSON: Well...

MR. YANCEY: the two areas....the two tracts.

MR. THOMPSON: It's quite all right. I am thoroughly mixed up. I will be frank to tell you that, because yesterday I understood that this went from the



Highway to Catahoula Lake itself.

Is that correct ?

MR. YANCEY: No. This goes from the LaSalle Catahoula Parish line to Highway 28.

Let's have the map there.

MR. THOMPSON: While you are getting the map, let me....

(A map is handed to Mr. Yancey to demonstrate the location being discussed.)

MR. THOMPSON: Well, go ahead and go from where to where.

MR. YANCEY: All right.

(Mr. Yancey holds the map for the Board members to see while he demonstrates by pointing his finger to the locations being discussed.)

This, of course, is Catahoula Lake here, and this is the Parish line right here, and this is Highway 28 here, and the blue arrowed line is a route to the Channel. So this servitude would cover that portion of the Channel that extends from Highway 28 to the Parish



line, and the right-of-way width is some fifteen hundred feet in width.

MR. THOMPSON: That is not about equal distance to the Black River from your (inaudible)

MR. YANCEY: Well, it is, but a major portion of the channel running on over to Black River is on private land. There is only three points that the channel crosses the Commission owned land in Catahoula Parish. It cuts right across the Northern edge of the Commission owned land in Catahoula Parish. But when it gets over into LaSalle Parish, it is entirely on commission land and as explained yesterday when they...as they remove this fill material out of this canal, it will be built from the fill material which will give us flood protection on eleven thousand acres of the Saline Game Management area, which will lie North of the canal and this will be of a tremendous advantage in the management of deer and turkey up there because during high water years, this entire area goes under water and of course the deer and turkey and other forest game animals are forced out into the hills, but with this levee in place, which will be located along the north side of the canal,



then these forest game animals can move into this protected portion of the game management area. So it will offer tremendous advantage....particularly for the deer and turkey.

By having eleven thousand acres of that Game Management Area inside that rain levee which will be constructed on up along Little River to Jonesville and then on down Black River to the junction of the canal and Black River here. This will be a rain levee around this portion of Catahoula and LaSalle Parish, and everything lying inside the levee will be protected from high water, and eleven thousand acres of that land will be of the commission owned Saline Game Management Area.

But, of course, the main purpose of the canal and the water control structure is in order that Catahoula Lake can be maintained for migratory water fowl. That was the whole purpose in actually digging this canal and installing this water control structure up next to the Lake.

MR. THOMPSON: Do I have a few seconds left on my time ?

MR. WINFREE: Question, Mr. Chairman.



MR. WRIGHT: You do.

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Yancey, I might say that you have completely let all the air out of the balloon that I had blown up.

(LAUGHTER)

However, I am still going to take the few seconds that I have left to say that the Corps of Engineers promised to give us for these easements, eleven thousand acres of land to take the place of the damage that they did which they have, in any words that you can think of to say....and I can't say that other word I am thinking of either....that's against the law....

(LAUGHTER)

Now, they have just kind of reneged on their deal and they never did give us that eleven thousand acres of land and I was prepared to vote against this motion when it was presented to the house because of the fact that they had not given us this land, and that we hold this as an ax over their head, before we give them it. But now that you have let all the air out of it, and shown me so many advantages we will get, I still would like to demand that some action be taken to make



the Corps of Engineers follow through with their offer to buy us eleven thousand acres to replace the land that we had given them and the damage that they have done to the Saline Game Management area.

With this in the records, I make the motion that we give them the easement.

MR. WINFREE: Second.

MR. WRIGHT: There is a motion to adopt the resolution, which has been duly seconded. Is there any discussion?

MR. YANCEY: Mr. Thompson.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, let's get this on record now so we can not have anymore arguments.

MR. YANCEY: The Corps of Engineers certainly was authorized by Congress to purchase eleven thousand acres of timber land up there and dedicate it for wild life purposes and this was to be as mitigation for the damages that these projects would cause to wild life in that particular area.

The State....they have never done this as Mr. Thompson just pointed out. It should be done, but they have not at this point...



MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Thompson.

MR. THOMPSON: How can we do it ?

MR. WRIGHT: There is a motion to adopt the resolution, which has been duly seconded. Again, I will ask, is there any further discussion? (NO RESPONSE)

If not, all those in favor please signify by saying aye, opposed, no.

(Whereupon, a vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.)

MR. WINFREE: Now, Mr. Chairman, I would like to suggest and talk a moment about what Mr. Thompson brought up and also Mr. Yancey.

I do not know what we could do, But I think that perhaps this Commission may consider this appointment of a committee to pursue this purchase by the U. S. Engineers and I would like to suggest that Mr. Thompson and Mr. Kyle be appointed as a committee of two to work with the staff, Mr. Yancey, or whoever else is necessary to find out what happened.

MR. KYLE: Mr. Winfree, I think it is a good suggestion.

MR. WRIGHT: I am sure Mr. Thompson would



serve on that committee.

MR. KYLE: Mr. Wright.

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Winfree and also....

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Kyle works for the Commission, I understand.....

(LAUGHTER)

and Mr. Thompson is the aggrieved party, so I think that a committee of two, plus Mr. Yancey, ought to pursue this thing.

MR. THOMPSON: I can tell you what happened..
....that part of it is over.

MR. KYLE: Mr. Chairman.

MR. WRIGHT: Yes sir.

MR. KYLE: I will be glad to do it. Having looked into it, under the bill by Congress, it was eleven thousand acres of specific land that they were authorized to purchase at that time, and by the time they got around to doing it, the people did not want to sell it at the price done. The Corps, I feel, is perfectly willing to give us eleven thousand acres if we will go back to congress and get an authorization for them to purchase any other land except that specific eleven thousand acres



or, increase the appropriation so that they can purchase it at that price.

MR. WRIGHT: That would be a good job for you to do. That is what the committee is supposed to do, Mr. Kyle.

Mr. Herring.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We have seven items here on the agenda and the first is, we received notice from the State Department of Public Works that Contract No. 6008 with the J. B. Ewing & Son for the construction of a boat launching ramp, wharves, and parking area on our Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area has been completed in Avoyelles Parish. Our field personnel have also checked this along with the Public Works people and they recommend that we go ahead and accept the contract at this time for full payment.

I so recommend, too.

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life & Fisheries Commission that the Contract-



or has completed Contract No. 6008, between this Commission and J. B. Ewing & Son for construction of the boat launching ramp, wharves, and parking area on Boggy Bayou, within the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: By the Louisiana Wild Life & Fisheries Commission, that the work done by J. B. Ewing & Son, Contractor, under Contract No. 6008 with this Commission, dated June 28, 1968 be and is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT the Director be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the Mortgage Records of the Parish of Avoyelles, Louisiana.

MR. WRIGHT: Do I hear a motion to adopt this resolution?

MR. KYLE: I move the adoption of the resolution.



MR. THOMPSON: Second.

MR. WRIGHT: There is a motion to adopt the resolution, which has been duly seconded. Is there any discussion ? (NO RESPONSE)

If not, all those in favor please signify by saying aye, opposed, no.

(Whereupon, a vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.)

MR. HERRING: The next item on the agenda is that we requested the State Division of Administration to go out on bids for janitorial services for our District Five Lake Charles office.

Only one bid was received and that being from the AAA Janitorial Service Company of Lake Charles, Louisiana for a monthly price of Three Hundred and Fifty-Eight (\$358.00) Dollars or an annual price of Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six (\$4,296.00) Dollars.

We are presently using the AAA Janitorial Service Company and we are pleased with the work that they are doing, so I recommend to the Commission that we go ahead and notify the Administration to accept this bid from the AAA Janitorial Service Company.



MR. THOMPSON: Is that an increase in price ?

MR. HERRING: No, sir, that is about the same.

MR. WRIGHT: Same price.

RESOLVED: THAT the State Division of Administration be notified that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby accept the bid from AAA Janitorial Service Company, as submitted, for the monthly rate of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT AND NO/100 (\$358.00) DOLLARS, or an annual rate of FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SIX AND NO/100 (\$4,296.00) DOLLARS.

MR. KYLE: I move the adoption of the resolution.

MR. THOMPSON: Second.

MR. WRIGHT: There is a motion to adopt the resolution, which has been duly seconded. Is there any discussion? (NO RESPONSE)

If not, all those in favor please signify by saying aye, opposed no.

(Whereupon, a vote was taken and the



motion was carried.)

MR. HERRING: The next item on the agenda is a request from the Caldwell Parish Police Jury to close the still hunting nine day deer season in that Parish. We had received a resolution from this Jury the first part of the year requesting that we open and close all deer hunting seasons, exclusive of both hunting at the same time within the boundaries of Caldwell Parish.

Upon this recommendation then, we did open and close all of the seasons in Caldwell Parish pretty well with the adjoining parishes so that everything would correspond along the Northern part of the State there. However, there is one small corner adjoining LaSalle and Winn Parish, which could not be taken in because of road boundaries. So we did comply pretty much with their first recommendation.

The still hunting has been very popular in the Northern part of the State and also in the Western. Having this early still hunt for deer provides more recreation for the hunters and it is becoming very popular.

Most of the parishes are now requesting it. So I would like to recommend to the Commission that we



leave the season as set there and continue with the still hunting season in that Parish.

MR. WRIGHT: I see no reason for voting on anything. We changed nothing.

MR. WINFREE: I move to accept the resolution.

MR. WRIGHT: My question is, why is it on the agenda? That is what I am asking.

MR. WINFREE: I don't understand why it is on the agenda so strike it off as far as I am concerned, Mr. Chairman.

MR. HERRING: Okay.

MR. WRIGHT: We'll just strike that one off.

MR. WINFREE: I think that the Director should be instructed or requested to, if he hasn't already done so, so, to notify the Caldwell Parish Police Jury that he has received the resolution and....

MR. WRIGHT: That's right...that's it....and number ten, the same thing, Mr. Herring.

MR. HERRING: Okay. I will also prepare a letter for that one too.

MR. WRIGHT: That's right.

MR. THOMPSON: Just skip it.



MR. HERRING: The next item on the agenda is the acceptance of completion of the road...the access road into our Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area.

This is under State Project No. 713-29-86 and consists of some 3.595 miles. The contractor on this project was also J. B. Ewing and Son.

We had requested the State Highway Department last year to actually see that this work was done for us. We turned the money over to them for them to go out on contract and use the Department of Highway Engineers to construct the road. However, last week the road was completed. Engineers from the State Highway Department and personnel from our department checked the road and found it acceptable and found that the contractor had come up with everything that was called for in the plans and specifications, so we recommend at this time that a letter be forwarded to the Director of Highways that we have accepted the road.

MR. WINFREE: Before we.....Mr. Chairman, I would like to make an observation and this is not for the record, young lady. Please strike this.

(Discussion not recorded)



WHEREAS, the Engineers of the State Highway Department, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life & Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract (State Project No. 713-29-86) between this Commission and J. B. Ewing & Son for construction of the access road, consisting of 3.595 miles, to Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area and has recommended that same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: By the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work performed by J. E. Ewing & Son, Contractor, under State Project No. 713-29-86, with this Commission be and is hereby accepted.

MR. WINFREE: I move the adoption of the resolution.

MR. NORRIS: Second.

MR. WRIGHT: There is a motion to adopt the resolution, which has been duly seconded. Is there any discussion? (NO RESPONSE)



If not, all those in favor please signify by saying aye, opposed, no.

(Whereupon, a vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.)

MR. HERRING: The next item on the agenda is the ratification of the assignment of an architect for the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area Headquarters, which has been assigned by the Louisiana State Division of Administration.

As discussed with the Commission, this will be a brick type building and we will get with the architect possibly today or tomorrow, to make any changes in the plans that we have been working on there. I would like for the Commission at this time to go ahead then and ratify the architect and any architectural designs that would come up in the essence of time, that we can get this through before October 19th, at which time the agreement does expire with the Corps of Engineers. We have received an extension of time from them this morning and they said we could go ahead, that they would work with us but would not give us anything in writing on that.

MR. WINFREE: With that conversation, do you



have any assurance that we could delay this matter ?

MR. HERRING: Right. They said that they would go along with changing the structure from a wooden type to a brick type structure. On the headquarters, as far as that was concerned, it was immaterial to them. However, they would like for us to furnish them with the plans and specifications as soon as we get them completed so that they could look over them also. But they said they would work with us on the time factor and try to help us get through.

MR. WINFREE: Do you propose to work with this architect and give him our views and ideas on changing of the elevation, and so forth, of this type of headquarters and keeping it within the same money ?

MR. HERRING: Yes, sir. We are going to have to keep it within the same money because that is all we have. We will have to do that.

That or less.

MR. WINFREE: All this is, is a ratification of the assignment of the architect.

MR. WRIGHT: That is all right now.

MR. WINFREE: And you propose to follow up



with the architect about what we have in mind?

MR. HERRING: Yes, sir. Right.

MR. WINFREE: I move the adoption of this ratification.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Winfree, one other thing, only if we had to, could we give the Director the authority to go ahead with this if we had to do it prior to the next meeting?

MR. WINFREE: I would have to include that in my motion, Mr. Chairman.

MR. WRIGHT: What is it that you want to include in your motion ?

MR. WINFREE: That the Director be authorized to enter into these things if something happened before our next meeting if we got in a bind.

MR. WRIGHT: To stay within the limits of the contract.

MR. KYLE: Then the wording would be, "if it is absolutely necessary."

MR. HERRING: Right.

MR. KYLE: Absolutely.

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the Louisiana Wild Life



& Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify the assignment of an architect, named by the Division of Administration, Mr. William Baker, Winnsboro, Louisiana, along with any Architectural changes in design (so long as these changes do not exceed the stipulated amount of funds), for the construction of a headquarters and workshop facilities on Bodcau Wildlife Management Area, using Bodcau Wildlife Management funds.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT the Director, Mr. Clark M. Hoffpauer, of the Louisiana Wild Life & Fisheries Commission, is hereby authorized to enter into any decisions or to sign any contracts, should it become absolutely necessary before the next meeting of the Commission.

MR. WINFREE: I move the adoption of the resolution.

MR. KYLE: Second.

MR. WRIGHT: There is a motion to adopt the resolution, which has been duly seconded. Is there any



discussion? (NO RESPONSE)

If not, all those in favor please signify by saying aye, opposed, no.

(Whereupon, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.)

MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Herring.

MR. HERRING: The next item on the agenda is an extension of deer seasons.

After field checks and biological data, we found that we can have an additional seven days in our West Feliciana Parish. This is that portion of West Feliciana Parish South of the Mississippi State line from the Mississippi River to U. S. Highway 61 and West of U. S. Highway 61 from the Mississippi State line to Louisiana Highway 10, and North of Louisiana Highway 10 from U. S. Highway 61 to the Mississippi River, and then East of the Mississippi River from Louisiana Highway 10 to the Mississippi State Line.

This would increase the season. Our recommendations are to increase the season by seven days, which would be now, from November 22, 1969 to November 23, 1969 and December 26, 1969 to January 11, 1970, in-



clusive.

WHEREAS, field checks and biological data show that additional days in deer hunting can be had in a portion of West Feliciana Parish, and

WHEREAS, after field checks, our technical staff recommends that an additional seven days be added to the season with dates as follows: November 22-30, 1969 and December 26 - January 11, 1970, inclusive, and

WHEREAS, that portion of West Feliciana Parish South of the Mississippi State line from the Mississippi River to U. S. Highway 61, West of U. S. Highway 61 from the Mississippi State line to Louisiana High 10, North of Louisiana Highway 10 from U. S. Highway 61 to the Mississippi River, East of the Mississippi River from Louisiana Highway 10 to the Mississippi State line has a large number of deer and can have more hunting pressure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the



deer season for that described portion of West Feliciana Parish be increased in number of days for hunting from nineteen to twenty-six, dates being November 22-30, 1969 and December 26 - January 11, 1970, inclusive, with or without dogs.

MR. WINFREE: I move the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Chairman, and I also ask that a copy of this resolution be sent to the governing authority of West Feliciana Parish and in that instance, it would be the Police Jury, I would assume.

MR. WRIGHT: Yes, sir.

Do I hear a second to that motion ?

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion and it is my understanding as I second it that we are correcting really an error, really an oversight.

MR. WINFREE: That's what it is.

MR. WRIGHT: Right.

There is a motion to adopt the resolution, which has been duly seconded. Is there any more discussion ? (NO RESPONSE).

If not, all those in favor please signify by



saying aye, opposed, no.

(Whereupon, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.)

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. WRIGHT: Is there any other business to come before the Board?

MR. WINFREE: We discussed yesterday the possibility of a special meeting in Baton Rouge relative to the acquisition of some properties.

MR. WRIGHT: Yes, sir. I don't see that we ought to discuss that now.

MR. WINFREE: No, sir. But I just think that if we have this meeting, it's going to have to be open to the public. I just want to say now there is a possibility of a special meeting between now and our next regular scheduled meeting.

(Informal discussion off the record)

MR. THOMPSON: Let me....may I elaborate on that?

It is no secret that we are trying to purchase thirteen thousand acres of land in South Concordia Parish, and it is also no secret that this land is for



sale since it has been advertised in many newspapers. By way of information to the public, I might just state that we have hired an appraiser to appraise this land and the special meeting that Mr. Winfree is speaking about, is it possible that after the appraisal comes in, if we fall within a category where we think it is a possibility of the Wild Life & Fisheries Commission purchasing this land, that we will have a special meeting. I am assuming that it will be in Baton Rouge for that purpose to discuss it and possibly talk with the governor in reference to securing the necessary funds.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Thompson, further, as I appreciate this appraisal is due within the next two to three weeks and also as I appreciate the owner of this property has given until November 1, to either show an interest, or else tell them we are not interested. That would be the reason for the meeting.

MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, gentlemen.

Mr. Paul Kalman. Would you like to speak.

MR. THOMPSON: Could I.....is this a different subject?

MR. WRIGHT: Yes, sir.



MR. THOMPSON: Let me finish one thing. I think it is imperative that I make public some statements that I have made to this Commission yesterday, both by letter and verbally.

Because of my position on this Commission and because of my interest also in this thirteen thousand acres of land, I would never want it to be misconstrued that I was acting in any other capacity than with my full faith with the Wild Life & Fisheries Commission. I was interested in purchasing this land and this is for the public notice. I had negotiated with these people prior to Wild Life & Fisheries coming on the scene. Subsequently, I have written a letter to the Director saying that I would not negotiate any further until I received a letter from the Wild Life and Fisheries saying that they can not or did not want to purchase this land.

I think I should make this statement publicly at this time so that it cannot be misconstrued in any manner, shape or form.

MR. KALMAN: Gentlemen, I am Paul Kalman, President of the New Orleans Sportsmans' League. I asked permission to speak before you today about the matter



that the Executive Committee of the Sportsman's League finds to be highly dangerous and one which we think that you gentlemen should be cognizant of.

I would like to preface my remarks by recalling over the past few years, this Commission has made enormous strides towards providing the sportsmen of Louisiana with places to hunt and to fish. Your work of course has extended into many areas, but what I am speaking about particularly this morning is the Commission's project for acquiring large tracts of land which would otherwise be denuded or all the timber being taken out where we would have no more public facilities for hunting particularly and also for fishing.

Last Friday afternoon, in the States-Item Newspaper on the Sports pages, the fishing columnist, Harry Klein, published an article in which an announcement was made to the effect that on the ninth of November...or rather the twelfth of November, down at the Chalmette Courthouse, the U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife would conduct a public hearing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. for the purposes of developing information (I am reading from the column) with respect



to the desirability of including the Breton Wilderness proposal in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I do not know whether you gentlemen read this column, so I would like to ask your indulgence while I very briefly skim through it. He goes on to say that all interested parties, including federal, state, county, and municipal agencies, local interests, and individual citizens, are invited to be present at the above time and place. They will be afforded full opportunity to express their views concerning the proposed wilderness.

Then he goes on to give the history of the Breton and Chandeleur Islands and how they were once inhabited and the hurrican blew all the habitation away and so forth.

The column concludes, or rather continues, the Breton National Wildlife Refuge will be located in St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes, and will take in Breton Island and the chain of Chandeleur Islands, which is about four feet above sea level at mean low tide. The Crystal clear waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and then they go on and on saying that they bath the endless miles of wild shores of sugar white sand and they generally de-



scribe it as the beautiful wild area that it is, of course, as we well know.

He continues....a variety of gulls, terns, egrets, and herons can be seen throughout the year, but are more abundant during the summer. Twenty-three different species of water and shorebirds are frequent users of the refuge and thirteen species nest on the various islands. The most abundant nesters are black skimmers, laughing gulls, and royal, Caspian, and Sandwich terns.

Somebody did an awful lot of research on this.

The hearing will be open to the public and I am figuring on being there because I like the idea of saving the area for birds to nest in the summer and waterfowl to seek safety in the winter months from the Louisiana duck hunter, including myself.

Gentlemen, without proceeding any further into the contents of this column, I would like to state at this time that the Executive Committee of the New Orleans Sportsmens' League, whom I am here to represent today, is unalterably opposed to this proposal to in-



clude the Breton and Chandeleur Islands and the environs in the National Wilderness Preservation System, which this meeting is called for the purpose of doing, we also at this time urge this Commission to exercise your considerable influence and also in lending your support and endorsement to this opposition when the proposal is considered at the Chalmette Courthouse on November Twelfth.

We contend that the jurisdiction presently exercised over these islands by the State of Louisiana, and it is State property, as you well know, is more than ample to insure preservation in their present so-called "wild state" and it is more than sufficient to protect the many valuable fish and wild life species which exist in these areas.

In entirely too many cases, in recent years, we sportsmen have been sitting by idly, while all sorts of federal agencies, acting under the guise of "big brother" have virtually expropriated vast tracts of state-owned lands and water bodies and made them virtually inviolate to lawful use by sportsmen.

If the Federal Government takes over our coastal islands, which they are undoubtedly going to



do, or going to try, we would like to ask, what guarantees will we have that they do not treat them in the same way that our government is presently handling so many of our national parks? I refer, of course, to the system of charging entrance fees to go into these lands, which supposedly are the property of every American taxpayer.

I would like to ask too, what insurance will fishermen have that the government, the federal government will not require them to obtain permits, either free or otherwise, before they are allowed to drop their line in the teaming waters of Breton and Chande-leur sounds?

In the past decade, this Commission has made almost unbelievable progress in acquiring large land areas, which can be used for hunting and other wholesome forms of outdoor recreation by Louisiana sportsmen.

Your propensity for administering these lands and their fish and wild life resources is something for which I think all of us can be quite proud.

The New Orleans Sportsmen's League, gentlemen, finds it inconceivable that this Commission and the



State of Louisiana should blindly give away for all time its right to Chandeleur and Breton Islands, when it is already committed to spending millions of dollars acquiring other lands for purposes which are almost identical to those for which these islands are employed.

The League also thinks that the State of Louisiana, acting through this Commission, employs the highest quality of experienced personnel who can either administer these islands and protect their fish and wild life resources just as good, if not better than it can be done from Washington, and most probably at considerably less expense to the taxpayer.

In summary, the New Orleans Sportsmens' League respectfully urges this Commission to be represented at the hearing in Chalmette in November and to firmly resist any efforts of the federal government to take away what is rightfully our God-given state property.

Thank you, gentlemen.

MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Kalman, may I ask you a question? Isn't part of that property down there that you are talking about, isn't that already in a refuge, a national.....



MR. KALMAN: Part of Chandeleur, sir.

But it is only maintained, to my knowledge, as a wild life refuge. In other words, in the summer time, the government maintains practically no supervision over it.

I think Mr. Hoffpauer or Mr. Yancey could...

MR. HOFFPAUER: It is in the national waterfowl refuge system. Nearly all of it except up around the North part where the lighthouse is. Why it is excluded, I do not know, but it is on the map back there.

I think you can hunt to the water's edge, isn't that the way it is now?

You had it where you could not hunt there at all.

MR. KALMAN: That's right.

I have never heard of anybody hunting out around those islands, because it has always been more or less understood that it is a refuge area as far as hunting.

MR. HOFFPAUER: There has been some cases of people hunting (inaudible)

MR. WRIGHT: I just thought...the reason I



ask....

MR. HOFFPAUER: Let me say this, the emphasis for making this thing a wilderness area is coming from the people of this state.

MR. KALMAN: Yes, sir. I would like to clarify that, to the extent of my knowledge, this is a very accurate statement. It is a minority group, though, Mr. Hoffpauer, as far as we know.

There is, or was, a gentleman, whom I think was working out at Michoud, a Colonel Rudesill, who headed a group who put on a rodeo out at Breton Island, the Chandeleur-Ho or the Breton-Ho, this year. At any rate, it is the contention of the League that these people are ill-advised. I do not think they recognize the dangers of taking state-owned property and putting them under federal jurisdiction. This is the main bone of contention with us. We think that this is state property; we think that this Commission has more than ample experience and personnel to supervise this property, and we just think that we ought to think twice before we give it away to the government like everything else seems to be going these days. This is the



principal bone of contention and we think that to protect the interest of the Louisiana Sportsman, which we think this Commission is dedicated to do, this is really the point of our argument and we would urge you gentlemen to be represented at the meeting and take this point of view.

MR. KYLE: Mr. Chairman.

MR. WRIGHT: Wait....

MR. KYLE: I could not agree with you more, but what I would like to ask is that the Director be asked to give the Commission a complete report on the conditions and everything out there and to get it in our hands as soon as possible, and to serve public notice that we intend to take a formal stand on this thing at our next meeting so that anybody, either pro or con, will at least have an opportunity to present their views to us. I mean right now, I am not in favor of giving anything away. I think it has been our policy that we are not feeling that refuges are maybe a thing of the past.

What we need is public hunting and fishing areas to harvest the game, rather than to preserve it,



and I would just like to get a complete report on the area so we can make a decision on it.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman.

MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Winfree.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Kalman, if I were a writer, I believe I would have written exactly what your committee wrote and what you read. I want to commend you on it. I think it was very good.

(LAUGHTER)

Further, gentlemen, Chandeleur Islands are owned by the State of Louisiana. I may be one of the few that believes that, but I still do.

(LAUGHTER)

It is also involved in the so-called Chapman line or the Tidelands litigation. Anytime that this Commission, or anyone in this state, admits to the federal government that there is a possibility of putting this into a refuge or under government control, the next step would be to move the line clear to the edge of Plaquemine Parish. We are just not dealing in a bird sanctuary, or whatever a wild life refuge area is, to be administered by the federal government. Person-



ally, I would be willing today to go on record as to having this Commission to oppose it, but I am going to go along with Mr. Kyle. I think perhaps that we should serve a public notice to the effect that at our next meeting we are going to hear this thing pro and con and this minority group that you spoke of, Mr. Kalman, would have a chance to appear. But I, for one, am going along with your Sportsmens' League's recommendation and I also suggest that we contact our Attorney General's office and let him know what is taking place.

This is a serious matter.

MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Winfree.

Thank you, Mr. Kalman.

MR. KALMAN: Thank you, gentlemen.

MR. WRIGHT: Is there any other business to come before this Commission today ?

MR. THOMPSON: I move that we adjourn.

MR. NORRIS: Second.

MR. WRIGHT: A motion that we adjourn this meeting has been made and duly seconded. Is there any other discussion. (NO RESPONSE)



if not, this meeting stands adjourned.

(Thereupon....at 12:00 o'clock p.m.,
the proceedings herein were concluded.



C E R T I F I C A T E

I, the undersigned, Regina B. May, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing (59 pages of typewritten mater) is a true and correct transcription of the proceedings had herein, taken down by me, and by me transcribed, on the day and date hereinbefore noted.


REGINA B. MAY, Reporter

